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To: THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
AXBRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you the Annual Report on the health of the District, and the work of the Public Health Department in 1971.

As this was the last full year during which Mr. Ellis was the Chief Public Health Inspector before he retired in June, 1972, I would particularly like to express my appreciation of all the help and co-operation I have had from him over the past 20 years. His relationships with the public, successive Chairmen and Members of the various Committees of the Council, all members of the staff, and finally his encyclopaedic knowledge of his job, contributed largely to the improvements in Public Health in the District over the years since he became the Chief Inspector. I am sure that his successor, Mr. Barrow will continue the same high standard of service to the Public.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

D. McGOWAN

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

OCTOBER, 1972.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

General Statistics

Area of District	90,956 acres
Population: 1931 Census	22,076
1951 "	26,535
1961 "	30,796
Registrar General's Estimate for Mid 1971	39,250
Rateable Value (1.4.72)	£1,569,180
Number of Inhabited Houses	13,051

Extracts from Vital Statistics for Year 1971

LIVE BIRTHS:

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	280	264	544
Illegitimate	20	17	37
	<u>300</u>	<u>281</u>	<u>581</u>

LIVE BIRTHS RATE: (per 1,000 population) = 14.8

CORRECTED BIRTH RATE: (Comparability Factor 1.13) = 16.7

ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS: (per cent of total live births) = 6% (England and Wales = 8%)

STILL BIRTHS:

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	4	5	9
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>

STILL BIRTH RATE: (per 1,000 live and still births) = 15 (England and Wales = 12)

TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS: 590

INFANT DEATHS: (Deaths under 1 year)

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	3	2	5
Illegitimate	1	-	1
	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>

INFANT MORTALITY RATES:

TOTAL INFANT DEATHS (per 1,000 live births) = 10

LEGITIMATE INFANT DEATHS (per 1,000 legitimate live births) = 9

ILLEGITIMATE INFANT DEATHS (per 1,000 illegitimate live births) = 27

NEONATAL MORTALITY RATE (per 1,000 live births) = 7

EARLY NEONATAL MORTALITY RATE (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 live births) = 5

PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births) = 20

MATERNAL DEATHS = Nil

MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE (per 1,000 live and still births) = Nil

DEATHS

<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
246	212	458

UNCORRECTED DEATH RATE: (per 1,000 population) = 11.7

CORRECTED DEATH RATE: (comparability factor 0.96) = 11.2

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

The Registrar General gives the corrected number of live births in the District as 581 (300 boys and 281 girls), this being 44 births more than in 1970. Of these births 20 were illegitimate, i.e. 6% of the total. The corresponding percentage for England and Wales was 8%.

The uncorrected birth rate for 1971 was 14.8 and when the comparability factor (1.13) is applied, the corrected birth rate was 16.7 per 1,000 of the total population compared with 16.3 in 1970. The birth rate for England and Wales in 1971 was 16.0.

BIRTH RATES

<u>Year</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>
England and Wales	18.0	18.2	18.4	18.1	17.7	17.2	16.9	16.3	16.0	16.0
Axbridge Rural District	18.8	18.1	19.0	19.9	18.5	18.8	16.9	16.3	16.3	16.7

STILL BIRTHS

The registered number of still births in 1971 was 9 of which none were illegitimate, thus giving a still birth rate of 15 per 1,000 total births.

DEATHS - ALL AGES

After correction for transferable deaths the net total assigned to the District by the Registrar General was 458 (246 males and 212 females). This is 30 more than in 1970 and gives an uncorrected death rate of 11.7. When adjusted for age and sex distribution to make it comparable with other districts, the death rate was 11.2 per 1,000 of total population compared with 11.6 for England and Wales as a whole.

MATERNAL MORTALITY

There were no deaths from maternal causes in 1971.

INFANT MORTALITY

Six children (4 boys and 2 girls) under the age of one year, died in 1971. This gives an Infant Mortality Rate of 10 per 1,000 live births, compared with 18 for England and Wales as a whole.

CAUSES OF DEATH

CAUSES OF DEATH	SEX	Under 4 weeks 1- 5- 15- 25- 35- 45- 55- 65- 75-											
		All	4	& under	1	5	15	25	35	45	55	65	75
		Ages Weeks 1 year											
Enteritis & other.	M	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diarrhoeal Diseases	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other infective &	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Parasitic Diseases	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm,	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Buccal Cavity etc.	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm,	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oesophagus	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm,	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Stomach	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1
Malignant Neoplasm,	M	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	1	2
Intestine	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	-
Malignant Neoplasm,	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Larynx	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm,	M	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	14	3
Lung, Cronchus	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1
Malignant Neoplasm,	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Breast	F	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	5	2	2
Malignant Neoplasm,													
Uterus	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm,													
Prostate	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Other Malignant	M	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	2	4
Neoplasms	F	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	4
Diabetes Mellitus	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Other Diseases of	M	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Blood, etc.	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other Diseases of	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1
Nervous System	F	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Chronic Rheumatic	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1
Heart Disease	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Hypertensive Disease	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1
	F	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	4
Ischaemic Heart	M	69	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	12	32	21
Disease	F	51	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	15	30
Other Forms of	M	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	7
Heart Disease	F	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	13
Cerebrovascular	M	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	6	11	21
Disease	F	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	12	27
Other Diseases of	M	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	6
Circulatory System	F	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Pneumonia	M	15	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	3	9
	F	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	6
Bronchitis and	M	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	9	8
Emphysema	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Asthma	M	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Diseases of	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
Respiratory System	F	5	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	2

CAUSES OF DEATH (contd.)	SEX	Under 4 weeks Ages											
		All	4	& under	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75-
		Weeks	1	year									
Peptic Ulcer	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Appendicitis	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3
Nephritis and Nephrosis	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Hyperplasia of Prostate	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other Diseases, Genito Urinary System	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Congenital Anomalies	M	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc.	M	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Symptoms & Ill Defined Conditions	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
All other Accidents	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	M	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
All other External Causes	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>TOTAL ALL CAUSES</u>	M	246	2	2	2	1	3	1	5	14	39	83	94
	F	212	2	-	-	1	2	-	4	4	29	56	114

FINAL TOTAL : 458 4 2 2 2 5 1 9 18 68 139 208

WATER SUPPLIES

No shortage of water supplies was reported from any part of the District in 1971.

Every Parish has a piped main water supply and 12,964 houses are supplied directly in this way by the Bristol Waterworks Company. However, although every parish has a main water supply, not every house can be supplied directly from the mains and there are still 87 houses in the District relying on other sources. Two are supplied from a main water standpipe, fifty-five depend on wells, twenty on springs and ten depend on collected rain water. During the year two piped supplies were substituted for springs.

Bacteriological and chemical sampling of public supplies is carried out by the Bristol Waterworks Company, but some individual sampling is also done by the Council's Public Health Department. The results of such sampling are given in the Report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

During the year work was completed on :

- (a) Brent Knoll (part) and Cross Sewerage Scheme - Cost : £16,000
- (b) Kewstoke Sewer Extension - Cost : £12,000
- (c) Axbridge and Wedmore Improvements - Cost : £2,000

Future proposals include :

	<u>Cost</u>
(a) Mark Sewerage Scheme (Commenced January, 1972)	£27,500
(b) Brent Area Scheme - 1972/73	£100,000 *
(c) Brent Area Scheme - 1973/74	£265,000 *

* These figures include contributions to Burnham U.D.C. and Bridgwater R.D.C. towards sewerage and sewage disposal.

The following Parishes in the District have main drainage and sewage disposal schemes:-

Axbridge	Brean	Churchill	Mark (small part)
Barwell	Brent Knoll	Congresbury	Shipham (part)
Berrow	(small part)	Hutton	Wedmore
Blagdon	Butcombe	Kewstoke (small part)	Winscombe
Bleadon	Cheddar	Locking	Wrighton

HOUSING

The following figures show the progress of new houses built in the District during the past 10 years:-

NEW HOUSES BUILT BY -

	<u>Local Authority</u>	<u>Private Enterprise</u>
1962	29	247
1963	25	296
1964	24	444
1965	62	434
1966	17	328
1967	38	333
1968	27	460
1969	30	272
1970	42	248
1971	22	278
	<u>316</u>	<u>3,340</u>

At the beginning of the year, the Local Authority owned 1,862 houses. During the year they built 22 houses and sold 6, so that at the end of 1971, the Local Authority owned a total of 1,878 houses.

In the private enterprise sector at the beginning of the year there were 10,898 houses. During the year, 278 were built, one was gained by conversion of two other houses, 6 were bought from the Local Authority and 8 were demolished or closed, so that at the end of the year, there were 11,173 houses in private ownership. The total number of permanent dwellings in the District as at 31.12.71 was therefore 13,051.

The total number of Old People's Dwellings erected to 31.12.71 were :-

(a) With County Council Aid	152
(b) Without County Council Aid	77
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Total:	229
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The number of applications for Council houses at the end of the year were :-

(a) Urgent bona fide cases	125
(b) Applications for Old People's Dwellings	198
(c) Others	205
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TOTAL:	528
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INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following Table shows the notifications of infectious diseases in the District during the year:-

<u>DISEASE</u>	<u>Total Cases notified</u>
Measles	331
Dysentery	1
Scarlet Fever	17
Whooping Cough	34
Infective Jaundice	11
Tuberculosis (a) Respiratory	2
(b) Meninges & C.N.S.	-
(c) Other forms	1
Diphtheria	-
Tetanus	-
Acute Meningitis	-
Acute Encephalitis (a) Infective	1
(b) Post Infectious	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-
Acute Poliomyelitis (a) Paralytic	-
(b) Non-paralytic	-
Leptospirosis	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-
Typhoid Fever	-
Food Poisoning	1

Measles was still prevalent throughout the District in 1971, there being 331 cases notified. This is an infection which can now be prevented by immunisation, but it is doubtful whether there are sufficient children being immunised at present to prevent a widespread epidemic arising.

LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY SERVICES

The County Council, as the Local Health Authority, is responsible for the provision of a number of personal Health Services, mainly connected with maternity and child welfare, the School Health Service and mental health.

Child Health Clinics are held in twelve Villages in the District.

HOSPITAL SERVICES

As I mentioned in last year's Report, a definite site for the new District General Hospital has been decided, and the planning and design stages are now going ahead. It is hoped that the building of the new Hospital will start in 1974.

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CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

1971

To: THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
AXBRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the Year 1971:-

HOUSING

The following tables indicate the progress made during the year in dealing with sub-standard houses:-

DISCRETIONARY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Rejected</u>
Position at 31st December, 1970	683 applications (767 dwellings)	663 applications (745 dwellings)	20 applications (22 dwellings)
Applications dealt with during 1971	63 applications (67 dwellings)	60 applications (63 dwellings)	3 applications (4 dwellings)
Position at 31st December, 1971	746 applications (834 dwellings)	723 applications (808 dwellings)	23 applications (26 dwellings)

Amount of improvement grants paid to 31.12.71 : £294,128

The number of applications for improvement grants continue to rise, reflecting the higher standards in living accommodation now demanded throughout the District.

STANDARD IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

	<u>Applications Received</u>	<u>Applications Approved</u>	<u>Applications Rejected</u>
Position at 31st December, 1970	236	228	8
Applications dealt with during 1971	33	33	-
Position at 31st December, 1971	269	261	8

Amount of standard grants paid to 31.12.71 : £29,261.

Statutory Action under the provisions
of the Housing Acts

During the year, statutory action under the provisions of Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957, was instituted in respect of 11 dwellings. The result of such action is summarised as follows:-

Cases under consideration at 31.12.70 11

During 1971

Demolition Orders made -

Closing Orders made 7

Undertakings accepted not to use premises
for human habitation until made fit 4

Undertakings accepted to make premises fit -

Cases under consideration at 31.12.71 8

Number of houses demolished 4

Number of houses closed for habitation 1

Number of houses made fit 35

OVERCROWDING

On the 31st December, 1971, there was no cases of statutory overcrowding on the Register.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

A. Number of licensed caravan sites (a) Residential 7
(more than one caravan) (b) Holiday 69

Total number of caravans (a) Residential 404
permitted on these sites (b) Holiday 3,297

B. Number of licensed caravan sites (a) Residential 19
(single caravans) (b) Holiday 6

C. Number of tented sites licensed during the year 9

Number of tents permitted on these sites 417

FOOD PREMISES

Details of the number of routine inspections of food premises are given in the summary at the end of this report..

No statutory proceedings were instituted during the year.

Particulars of the various types of food premises in the District are given below :-

<u>Food Premises in Area</u> <u>(excluding registered</u> <u>dairy premises)</u>	<u>No. of</u> <u>Premises</u>
A. <u>Food Manufacturing Premises</u>	
Edible Fat Refineries	1
Cheese Straw Factory	1
Cheese Factories	2
Bakers	7
Pickle Factory	1
B. <u>Wholesalers</u>	
Greengrocers	3
Dairy Produce	3
Confectioners	1
Grocers	2
Cheese Depot	1
C. <u>Retail Shops</u>	
Grocers	119
Confectioners	53
Butchers	23
Fishmongers & Greengrocers (combined)	4
Greengrocers	27
Dairies	2
D. <u>Catering Premises (including</u> <u>School Meals and Licensed</u> <u>Premises)</u>	203
E. <u>Premises registered under the</u> <u>provisions of Sec.16 of the</u> <u>Food & Drugs Act, 1955 (excluding</u> <u>premises used for the Manufacture</u> <u>Storage and Sale of Ice Cream</u>	
Sausage making	13
Fish Frying	8

MILK and DAIRIES

Registered Dairies	5
Number of Milk Distributors	110

ICE CREAM

The Ice Cream manufactured in the District is manufactured in accordance with the provisions of the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment etc.) Regulations, 1947 to 1952 in a preparation room which has been specially adapted for the purpose.

No. of premises registered for the manufacture of	
Ice Cream (complete cold mix) 1
No. of premises registered for the sale of Ice Cream...	168

WATER SUPPLIES

The following is a summary of the results of the bacteriological examination of the monthly water samples taken from the public supplies. All these supplies are chlorinated:-

	<u>Probable No. of Coliform</u> <u>Bacilli MacConkey 2 days</u> <u>37° C</u>	
	<u>0 per</u> <u>100 ml.</u>	<u>1 per</u> <u>100 ml.</u>
Cheddar and Axbridge	8 samples	
South Mendip (Cross)	8 samples	
South Mendip (Dunyeatt)	8 samples	
North Mendip (Rowberrow)	7 samples	
Burrington	8 samples	
Blagdon	8 samples	
Kewstoke	7 samples	
North Mendip (Chelvey)	8 samples	1 sample
TOTAL:	<u>62 samples</u>	<u>1 sample</u>

A sample of water from each of the above supplies was submitted for chemical analysis during the year. All these samples were reported upon by the Analyst as being free from plumbo-solvency or other harmful contamination.

18 samples of water were taken for bacteriological examination from private premises not receiving a supply from the public mains; 1 of these samples proved to be unsatisfactory.

UN SOUND FOOD SURRENDERED OR CONDEMNED

(Excluding meat at Slaughterhouses)

Meat at retail premises	-	1 cwt. 84 lbs.
Cooked meat and meat products	-	Nil
Canned meats	-	1 cwt. 43 lbs.
Other Canned Foods	-	1 cwt. 96 lbs.
Fresh Fruit and Vegetables	-	Nil
Wet Fish	-	Nil
Other Foods	-	22 cwt. 24 lbs.
Fats and Cheese	-	Nil

MEAT INSPECTION

The two private slaughterhouses and the slaughterhouse at the Meat Research Institute at Langford continued in operation throughout the year.

There are no poultry processing establishments in the District.

The following table gives particulars of carcasses and offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part during the year:

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	110	-	1	382	223	-
Number inspected	110	-	1	382	223	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	16	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	14.5	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	4	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	1.8	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Weight of meat condemned (in lbs.) for :-						
(a) Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	26	-
(b) Cysticercosis	-	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Other	143	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL (in lbs.) :	143	-	-	-	26	-

CESSPOOL EMPTYING

One cesspool emptying vehicle is in full time operation, with an additional vehicle as a standby.

Total number of septic tanks
and settlement tanks emptied
during the year : 1,082

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Increasing use is being made of the bulky refuse collection service.

Disposal of ordinary house refuse is to the controlled tip at Axbridge. Bulky refuse is tipped in the Banwell Quarry.

Number of Refuse Vehicles
in operation 8 (+ 1 stand-by)
1 for bulky refuse

Estimated amount of refuse
collected during the
year 13,425 tons

Total amount of salvaged
material disposed of
during the year:-

	Tons	Cwts	Qrs.	£.	p.
(a) Non-ferrous metals	3.	10		245.	00
(b) Rags	6.	1		151.	25

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960

4 complaints of noise nuisance were received during the year, one being confirmed and remedied following informal action.

THE OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The following is a copy of the report submitted to the Minister of Labour for the year ending 31st December, 1971:-

A. Registration and General Inspections

Class of Premises	No. of premises registered during Year	Total No. of registered premises at end of Year	No. of registered premises receiving general inspections during Year
Offices	2	75	68
Retail Shops	8	129	128
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	-	9	9
Catering establishments open to the public, Canteens	-	54	54
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-
TOTALS:	10	267	259

B. Number of Visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises

307

C. Analysis of persons employed in Registered Premises by Workplace

Offices	550	
Retail Shops	316	
Wholesale Departments, Warehouses	53	
Catering establishments open to the public	238	
Canteens	16	
Fuel Storage Depots	-	
)Males : 512
TOTAL:	<u>1,183</u>)Females: 671

D. Exemptions (relating to all classes of premises)

Space, Temperature, Sanitary Conveniences, Washing Facilities

No. of exemptions current at 31.12.71	Nil
No. of exemptions granted or extended during year	Nil
No. of applications refused or exemptions withdrawn during year	Nil
No. of cases where employees opposed application	Nil
No. of Appeals to Court made	Nil
No. of Appeals to Court allowed	Nil

E. Prosecutions

Prosecutions instituted of which the hearing was completed in the Year	Nil
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F. Number of Inspectors appointed under Section 52(1) or (5) of the Act

4

<u>Number of other Staff employed for most of their time on work in connection with the Act</u>	Nil
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SUPPLEMENT TO ANNUAL RETURN

on Form O.S.R. 14 - Year ending 31.12.71

General requirements

There are no matters calling for special mention.

Hoists and Lifts

One of the two unsatisfactory hoists reported last year has been dismantled and the use of the other one has been discontinued.

Mechanical handling of goods

No problems of enforcement have arisen in connection with the mechanical handling of goods.

Food Slicing Machines

The leaflet "The Safe Use of Food Slicing Machines" (S.H.V.4) was well received. Its impact is difficult to assess. However, no report of an accident involving the use of a slicing machine was received during the year.

Defects Remedied as the result of informal action

Abstracts provided	9
Overcrowding abated	-
Heating improved	1
Ventilation improved	-
Lighting improved	-
Floors and steps repaired	-
Seating improved	-
Staircases - handrails provided	2
Machine guarding improved	-
Thermometers provided	13
First Aid Kits provided	14
Washing facilities improved or provided	4
Sanitary accommodation improved or provided	7
Eating facilities improved	2
Lifts and Hoists improved	-

Accidents

All the accidents notified during the year were of a minor nature except one which was caused by a fall from an unsatisfactory step ladder. The step ladder was subsequently modified to a satisfactory standard.

Number of accidents reported	5
Number of accidents requiring investigation and investigated	2

RODENT CONTROL

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

	<u>NON</u>	
	<u>AGRICULTURAL</u>	<u>AGRICULTURAL</u>
A. Total number of premises (including nearby properties) inspected following notifications	699	55
Number infested by (1) Rats	468	36
(2) Mice	45	3
B. Total number of properties inspected for rats and mice for reason other than notification	382	145
Number infested by (1) Rats	52	55
(2) Mice	-	6
C. Number of sewage systems test baited		16
Number of sewerage systems needing treatment and treated for rat infestation		2
D. Number of Council owned properties (excluding Council Houses) treated for rat infestation		14
Number of treatments of Council owned properties for rat infestation		26
E. Number of premises treated by Council's rodent operator:		
(a) For rat infestation	290	20
(b) For rat and mouse infestation	6	2
(c) For mouse infestation	28	-

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

Prescribed particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961

Part I of the Act

1. INSPECTIONS for purpose of provisions of health

	<u>Premises</u>	<u>Number on</u> <u>Register</u>	<u>Number of:</u> <u>Inspections</u>	<u>Written</u> <u>Notices</u>	<u>Occupiers</u> <u>Prosecuted</u>
(i)	Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	3	3	Nil	Nil
(ii)	Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	88	104	Nil	Nil
(iii)	Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Outworkers' Premises)	10	6	Nil	Nil
	TOTALS:	101	113	Nil	Nil

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

	<u>Number of cases in which defects were found</u>				<u>Number of cases in</u> <u>which prosecutions</u> <u>were instituted</u>
	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Referred:</u>		
			<u>To H.M.</u> <u>Insp.</u>	<u>By H.M.</u> <u>Insp.</u>	
Want of Cleanliness (S1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S7)					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	3	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:	4	4	-	-	-

PART VIII of the Act (Outwork Sections 133 and 134)

	<u>Section 133</u>		<u>Section 134</u>			
	<u>No. of out-</u> <u>workers in</u> <u>August list</u> <u>required by</u> <u>Sec.133(i)Ic)</u>	<u>No. of</u> <u>cases of</u> <u>default</u> <u>in sending</u> <u>lists to</u> <u>the Council</u>	<u>No. of</u> <u>prosecu-</u> <u>tions for</u> <u>failure</u> <u>to supply</u> <u>lists</u>	<u>No. of</u> <u>instances</u> <u>of work in</u> <u>unwhole-</u> <u>some</u> <u>premises</u>	<u>Notices</u> <u>served</u>	<u>Prose-</u> <u>cutions</u>
Wig making	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Dressing Dolls	25	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Glove making	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
False Eyelashes	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
All other	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Classifications						
TOTALS:	29	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

SUMMARY OF WORK CARRIED OUT BY OR UNDER THE
SUPERVISION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS

Total number of inspections made (including re-inspections)	4,789
Total number of houses and premises inspected	2,197
Number of inspections made of, and visits paid to:-	
Dwelling houses	1,699
Food premises and Catering establishments (Food & Drugs Act)	1,093
Caravan Sites and Moveable Dwellings	601
Factories	113
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act	307
Ice-Cream Premises	13
Dairies	26
Drainage Systems	211
Swill Boiling Plants	14
Agricultural Holdings	4
Premises as the result of complaints of nuisance	717
Premises in connection with water supplies	5
Tests of Swimming Bath Water	54
Investigations into cases of Infectious Diseases and Food Poisoning	45
Drain Tests of Drainage Systems believed to be defective	6
Smoke observations	4
Samples of faeces submitted for laboratory examination	12
Premises disinfested or disinfected	18

In conclusion I would like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council for their support and the Medical Officer of Health, the other Chief Officers of the Council and the staff of the Public Health Department for their co-operation and assistance during the year.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

J. H. ELLIS

Chief Public Health Inspector.